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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 7, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF:

AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM.

CODE PART 203: MAJOR

STATIONARY SOURCES

CONSTRUCTION AND

MODIFICATION, 35 ILL. ADM.

CODE PART 204:PREVENTION

OF SIGNIFICANT

DETERIORATION, AND PART

232: TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken at the Hearing of the above-entitled cause, taken before the ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, held on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 A.M., by GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS, CSR License No. 084-001205, duly qualified and commissioned for the State of Illinois.

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10	MR. JASON SCHNEPP (via video)	
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Page 3 1 MR. PAULEY: Good morning and welcome to 2. this Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing. 3 My name is Daniel Pauley and I'm a 4 Hearing Officer for this rule-making proceeding 5 entitled Amendments to Parts 203: Major Stationary 6 Sources, Construction and Modification. Part 204: 7 Prevention of Significant Deterioration. And 232: Toxic Air Contaminants of Air Pollution 8 Regulations. 9 The Board docket for this rule making 10 11 is R 22-17. 12 Also present today from the Board are 13 members Anastasia Palivos, member Jennifer Van Wie. And Board staff present are Anand Rao, Carlie 14 15 Leoni, Marie Tipsord and Shannon Bilbruck in 16 Springfield. 17 This hearing is governed by the Board's procedural rules. All information that is relevant 18 19 and that is not repetitious or privileged will be 20 admitted into the record. Please bear in mind that any questions 21 posed today by the Board and its staff are attended 22 23 solely to help develop a clear and complete record 24 for the Board's decision and do not reflect any

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1	decision on the proposal, testimony or other
2	questions.
3	For the sake of our court reporter,
4	please speak clearly and avoid speaking at the same
5	time as another person so that we can help produce
6	a clear transcript.
7	A background on this rule making. On
8	August 16th, 2021 the Illinois Environment
9	Regulatory Group, or IERG, filed this rule-making
10	proposal with the Board.
11	The one hearing took place on
12	February 17, 2022 between Springfield and Chicago
13	via video conference.
14	The Board received no pre-trial
15	testimony for this hearing; however, the Board did
16	receive four public comments since the first
17	hearing. PC5 from the Illinois Attorney General's
18	Office, PC6 from IEPA, and PC7 from IERG as well.
19	As a result of the public comments, a
20	Hearing Officer Order dated April 4th, 2022, the
21	Board pre-filed questions for IEPA and IERG.
22	So if anybody does sign up for public
23	comment, we will start with those. Is anybody
24	wanting to give a public comment in Springfield?

Page 5 1 (No response.) 2 MR. PAULEY: Thank you. And seeing nobody 3 in the Chicago room as well, we will move on and 4 start with the Board's pre-filed questions and then 5 we'll go to anybody else's questions as well. 6 All right. So Miss Carter, would you 7 like the witness to be sworn in now? MS. CARTER: Yes, that's fine. 8 9 THE COURT REPORTER: Raise your right hand, 10 please. 11 (The oath was thereupon duly 12 administered to the witness by 13 the Notary.) MR. PAULEY: So I am going to just go 14 15 through the questions that the Board filed, and if 16 there are any that you guys are going to answer, 17 I'll let you answer those there, and then whichever 18 ones you're going to file in post-hearing comments, you can let me know as well. 19 20 So I'm just going to say the number first before I read everything. Question number 1. 21 22 The agency will be addressing MS. CARTER: 23 in post-hearing comments. 24 Thank you. Question number 2? MR. PAULEY:

Page 6 1 The agency will be addressing MS. CARTER: 2 in post-hearing comments. 3 MR. PAULEY: Ouestion number 3? 4 MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will provide an 5 answer. 6 Thank you. So I will read the MR. PAULEY: 7 question and then allow Mr. Schnepp to answer. 8 MS. CARTER: Okay. 9 MR. PAULEY: Regarding the proposed definition of net emissions increase, under 10 11 Section 203.1260, please clarify whether the Agency 12 is proposing any revisions, or just providing an 13 explanation of the definitions. The Illinois EPA is proposing 14 MR. SCHNEPP: 15 one revision to the proposed definition of "net 16 emissions increase." In Section 203.1260(b)(3)(D), 17 which reads as follows. I'm skipping down to 18 capital D. 19 "The Agency has not relied on it in 20 issuing any permit under 35 Ill. ADM. Code 201.142 or 201.143 or this part or 35 Ill. ADM. Code 21 22 Part 204, or 40 CFR 52.21, emphasis added to the 23 words 40 CFR 52.21, and has not relied on it for 24 demonstrating attainment or reasonable further

Page 7 1 progress. "The remainder of the discussion of net 2. emissions increased on Pages 6 through 9 of the 3 Illinois EPA's initial comments and recommendations 4 for additional revisions referred to as initial 5 6 comments provided further explanation for the 7 definition." 8 MR. PAULEY: Thank you. We have a 9 follow-up? MR. RAO: I have just a follow-up. 10 11 There are certain comments the Agency 12 has made, including the definition of net emissions 13 increase where you have provided the Agency's interpretation of the proposed rules, and some of 14 15 the explanations differ from IERG's technical 16 support document descriptions. 17 So the question is whether IEPA wants your interpretation to be memorialized in the 18 19 opinion, if the Board agrees with that? 20 MS. CARTER: The Agency will address that in post-hearing comments. 21 22 MR. RAO: Okay, thank you. 23 MS. CARTER: Thank you. 24 MR. PAULEY: Okay. We'll move on to

Page 8 1 question number 4. The Illinois EPA defers its 2. MS. CARTER: 3 response to its post-hearing comments. 4 MR. PAULEY: Thank you. Question No. 5? 5 MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will be answering 6 that question. 7 Okay. I will first read the MR. PAULEY: question and then give Mr. Schnepp an opportunity 8 9 to answer. Regarding the significant emissions 10 11 rate for NOx and VOM in serious or severe ozone 12 attainment areas, the Agency states that the 13 information in the PSD table, Pages 19 and 20, is inaccurate and incomplete. TC-6 at 23. 14 15 Further, the Agency provides 16 clarification of how "netting" must be applied to 17 be consistent with the U.S. EPA's guidance. Please comment on whether any rule 18 19 language changes are necessary to maintain 20 consistency with the USEPA guidance on the application of "netting" to determine significant 21 emissions of NOx and VOM. 22 23 If so, propose the appropriate language 24 changes.

Page 9 1 MR. SCHNEPP: No rule language changes are 2 necessary. The Illinois EPA's discussion on 3 Pages 23 through 25 of the Illinois EPA's initial 4 comments was offered to clarify and correct 5 6 information in the PSD table on Pages 19 through 20 7 as it addressed the significant emissions rate for NOx and VOM in serious or severe ozone 8 non-attainment areas. 9 MR. PAULEY: All right. We'll go on to 10 11 question No. 6. 12 MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will be providing 13 a response to that. 14 MR. PAULEY: Thank you. 15 On page 27, regarding the determination 16 of significant emissions increase from a proposed 17 NANSR project, the Agency clarifies that decreases in emissions at affected emissions units resulting 18 19 from the projects need not be addressed with a 20 broader netting analysis for other contemporaneous changes in emissions. 21 22 The Agency provides similar clarification regarding PSD project on Pages 44 and 23 24 45.

Page 10 1 Please clarify whether their proposed rules under Sections 203.1410(c) and 204.800(d) 2 3 must include a provision reflecting the agency's clarification to avoid any confusion with the 4 5 interpretation of their proposed regulations. 6 MR. SCHNEPP: No rule language changes are 7 necessary to proposed Sections 203.1410(c) and 204.800(d) to address the Illinois EPA's 8 clarification on page 27 at 44 through 45 of the 9 Illinois EPA's initial comments. 10 11 MR. PAULEY: Thank you. 12 And is there anybody who has any 13 follow-up questions for IEPA? 14 (No response.) 15 MR. PAULEY: All right. Hearing none, 16 Mr. Schnepp, you are all done. 17 And does anybody have any questions that they would like to ask anybody on any of the 18 19 filings since the first hearing, or any other 20 filings? 21 (No response.) 22 MR. PAULEY: All right. Hearing none, let me check in one more time to see if anybody wants 23 24 to give a public comment.

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1	Seeing none in either room, I'll take a
2	moment to address the economic impact statement.
3	Section 27(b) of the Environment
4	Protection Act provides that the Board must request
5	that the Department of Commerce and Economic
6	Opportunity, DCEO, conduct an Economic Impact Study
7	of proposed rules before the Board adopts the
8	rules.
9	The Board must make either the Economic
10	Impact Study, or the department's explanation for
11	not conducting one available to the public at least
12	20 days before a public hearing.
13	In a letter dated September 9th, 2021,
14	the Board's Chair, Barbara Flynn Currie, requested
15	that DCEO conduct an Economic Impact Study of this
16	ruling and proposal.
17	On November 22nd, 2021, the Board
18	received a letter from the DCEO declining to
19	conduct an Economic Impact Study.
20	Is there anyone present today who would
21	like to testify regarding the Board's request for a
22	study and DCEO's response?
23	(No response.)
24	MR. PAULEY: All right. Seeing none, let's

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1	go off the record for a moment.
2	(There was a discussion held off
3	the record, after which the
4	hearing resumed as follows:)
5	MR. PAULEY: We went off the record to
6	discuss procedural issues.
7	The post-hearing deadline for comments
8	is May 16th, 2022.
9	Copies of this transcript of today's
10	hearing are expected to be available no later than
11	Thursday, April 14th, 2022. Promptly after the
12	Board receives the transcript, it will be posted to
13	COOL, from which it can be viewed and printed.
14	Are there any other matters that need
15	to be addressed at this time? Seeing none, I would
16	like to thank everyone for participating today.
17	This second hearing is adjourned.
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19	(Which were all the proceedings
20	taken at the hearing of the
21	above-entitled cause.)
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2) SS. COUNTY OF DU PAGE)
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4	I, GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS, C.S.R., duly
5	qualified and commissioned for the State of Illinois,
6	County of DuPage, do hereby certify that I reported
7	in shorthand the proceedings had and testimony
8	taken at the Hearing of the above-entitled cause,
9	and that the foregoing transcript is a true, correct,
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11	taken at the time and place hereinabove set forth.
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